GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1938
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2001
CONSTITUTION OF PRASAR BHARATI BOARD
ARUN KUMAR

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Parliamentary Standing Committee on information technologyhas expressed concern over the implementation of Prasar Bharati Act and Constitution of 15 member Board;

(b) if so, the reasons for not constituting the Board and the time by which it is likely to be formed;

(c) whether in the absence of a proper Board, cases of irregularities in allotment of contracts have come to notice; and

(d) if so, the details of such irregularities noticed during the last three years, till date and the action taken against them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : The Prasar Bharati Board was constituted on 23.11.1997 and is currentlyfunctioning with a Chairman; four Part-time Members; one Executive Member and one representative of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

(c) & (d) : Prasar Bharati has informed that no irregularities have come to noticewhich can be attributed to non-constitution of the full-fledged Board.